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Sir:

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1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of **\$930.00** to cover: **\$120.00** - one month extension of time fee; and **\$810.00** - RCE filing fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
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